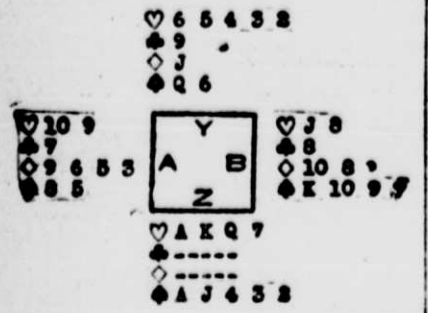# PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" READERS TO SOLVE

W. B. Orr's Bridge Composition One Calculated to Catch the Unwary.

HOW HIGH IS THIS TOWER?

Instructive Exercises for the Checker Player to Study.

Bridge problem No. 274 was composed by one of the old guard among the solvers of THE SUN problems, William B. Orr, and it is a position that would be likely to catch any one napping, as a very strong defence is established against the apparent solution on the very first trick. Here is the distribution:

♠ 6 5 4 3 2
♥ Q J 6
♦ Y
♣ —

♠ 10 9   ♠ J 9 8
♥ —   ♥ —
♦ 9 6 5 3   A   B   ♦ 10 8 7
♣ Q 8 5   Z   ♣ K 10 9

♠ A K Q 7
♥ —
♦ A J 4 3 2

Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z want eight tricks out of the nine against any defence.

The solution is for Z to start with one of his top hearts, and the best defence is for B to give up the jack of hearts on the very first trick.

"If B does not make this play Z can lead his seven of hearts for the second trick, and no matter what suit or what card B leads Y gets in, either on that trick or the next, and on Y's play of the best club and the best diamond Z gets rid of his two high hearts, so as to unblock the suit for Y's three small hearts. Unless B led his king of spades the first trick is made with Z's ace.

But if B throws in the jack of hearts at the start Z cannot afford to lead the small heart, because it would be in the lead and would come through Y with a spade. Y should either now B the second trick at once or force Z into the lead, allowing B to make several spade tricks later.

Z's play is to drop the heart attack when B throws the jack and with the jack of spades, so as to make Y's spades good for entry. B ducks the jack, so as to hold his king of spades the first trick. This compels Z to pull A's remaining spade and then put him in with a heart, so that A shall be forced to lead a spade that Y can win.

Whichever suit A leads Y takes the trick and leads the other suit, giving Z two discards, on which he gets rid of the two remaining high hearts. Unless these two discards can be secured in some way the problem cannot be solved.

There are a number of variations that meet several defences, such as when B wins the spade jack with the three and leads a heart, after having thrown the jack on the first trick. While Y to get in on the spade queen and give Z the essential discards.

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Here is something that looks as it it might keep men guessing a few minutes:
BRIDGE PROBLEM No. 276.
By Capt. Frank Roy.

[card diagram]

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z want only two tricks, but they must get them against any defence. Those defences which are important should be thoroughly covered in order to obtain credit for solutions.

The distribution of the cards is as follows:

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CHECKER ENDINGS

Those who tried out the various possibilities of No. 271 soon discovered that if black began with 7—10, either 29—25 or 18—14 would draw for white.

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STRATEGY IN BIDDING AT ROYAL AUCTION

No Rule Covers Second Hand's Dilemma With Some No Trumpers.

REPLIES TO DEALER'S CALL

Examples of the Way in Which an Annoying Situation Is Handled.

During the Women's Whist Congress, which met in this city a week ago, there was abundant opportunity to discuss various problems with players from many and widely separated parts of the country, especially with regard to two of the most prominent points to which the attention of the card playing public is at present directed. These are the future of the nullo and the standing of the high spade bids.

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CHESS FOR PLAYER, LOVER AND STUDENT

Capablanca's Great Victory at St. Petersburg Puts Him in Front Rank.

LASKER SHOULD PLAY HIM

Champion Ought to Give Cuban Chance Ahead of Rubinstein.

The Cuban champion, J. R. Capablanca, emerged a winner of the preliminary international chess master tournament at St. Petersburg, a point and a half ahead of both the world's champion, Dr. Emanuel Lasker, and the German master, Dr. S. Tarrasch, an achievement of great importance.

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QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

CARO-KANN OPENING

PROBLEM No. 461. BY J. MOELLER.
Black—4 Pieces

PROBLEM NO. 462. BY R. LEOPOLD
Black—6 Pieces

White to play and mate in three

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM